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SWNCC 305, a report prepared by SWNCC-MIC on its own initiative, was submitted for the consideration of SWNCC on June 6, 1946. The SWNCC-MIC determined at the time of preparation of the document that the subject matter was beyond its terms of reference, but agreed that the attention of SWNCC should be directed to the central problem for any action it desired to take.

SWNCC 305/1, a memorandum by the War member of SWNCC, dated June 28, 1946, suggested certain revisions in the basic document.

SWNCC 305/2/D, a SWNCC directive, dated July 8, 1946, referred SWNCC 305 back to SWNCC-MIC for further reconsideration in the light of the comments and recommendations of the War member.

PCA D-6/12, entitled "Interim Policy on Security Aspects of Commercial Transactions with Foreign Countries", was approved by the Policy Committee on Arms and Armaments, Department of State, on September 30, 1946. This document officially designated the Division of Commercial Policy as the unit in the Department of State responsible for processing all inquiries relative to the transfer to foreign governments and nationals of unclassified commercial technology.

In letters to the Secretaries of War and Navy, dated October 16, 1946, the Acting Secretary of State called the attention of those Secretaries to the problem of the release to foreign governments and nationals of unclassified commercial technology and pointed out that the Department of State would like to seek the advice and assistance of the War and Navy

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Departments whenever a question of national security was involved in any proposed release. The Acting Secretary suggested that the Secretaries of War and Navy might desire to officially designate central units in their respective Departments which could provide guidance to the Department of State in this connection.

In a reply to the Acting Secretary of State, dated November 8, 1946, the Under Secretary of War pointed out that the Army-Navy Munitions Board has been designated as the agency for both the War and Navy Departments to which inquiries in regard to the military interest in United States foreign trade should be directed.

In the light of the above actions, and in view of the fact that the SWNCC-MIC has determined that the subject problem is beyond its terms of reference and was considered by the Subcommittee only in order to call the problem to the attention of SWNCC, the SWNCC-MIC desires to recall SWNCC 305, originally prepared on its own initiative, and requests that SWNCC 305/2/D be withdrawn by the SWNCC.

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